Demand XXXII—Food and other control measures—Rs. 20,000/

Minister for Finance and Food **(Sri. K. M. Korah):** I move for a Supplementary Grant of Rs. 20,000 under 'Demand XXXII—Food and other control measures.'

Our Food Subsidy from the Government of India remains unsettled and as such a Special Officer was appointed for investigation of Food Accounts. The appointment was first made for a period of 9 months and then it was extended for another 3 months. The expenditure was also ordered to be met in the first instance, from the allotment under this head and to apply for supplementary grant later. As there are no funds in the sanctioned allotment to meet this expenditure an additional amount is required. In this connection, hon. Members will be pleased to remember that a Special Officer along with a Financial Assistant, the Deputy Commissioner of Civil Supplies and one clerk had to be in Delhi for the purpose of investigating our food accounts. Over and above these expenses, claims relating to the allowances due to the members of the Central Food Advisory Committee for the last financial year have also to be met from the current year's budget. The expenditure was not contemplated at the time of the preparation of the Budget. I hope the House will make this grant.

Sri. P. S. Nataraja Pillai: The Hon. Minister referred to the appointment of a Special Officer for the investigation of food accounts. Is he investigating accounts to settle the accounts with the Government of India? Or is he auditing our own accounts in the State?

Sri. K. M. Korah : He is auditing our own accounts. The Food Commissioner along with a clerk and another finnacial assistant, was also deputed to Delhi.

Sri. P. S. Nataraja Pillai : Am I to understand that one Special Officer is auditing and checking our own accounts and another officer is settling accounts with the Government of India?

Sri. K. M. Korah: Yes.

Sri. P. S. Nataraja Pillai : May I know how many years' accounts remain to be checked?

Sri. K. M. Korah: From the very beginning to the end of this financial year.

Sri. P. S. Nataraja Pillai: That means, practically 9 years' accounts are to be audited and checked.

Sri. K. M. Korah: Yes.

Sri. P. S. Nataraja Pillai: Will the work be over in three months ?

Sri. K. M. Korah: Yes.

Sri. P. S. Nataraja Pillai : Now the provision is made only for three months from 28th August 1951. Will the work be completed before that time?

Sri. K. M. Korah : Yes.

Sri. P. S. Nataraja Pillai : How many years' accounts have been audited so far?

Sri. K. M. Korah : The audit is over.

Sri. P. S. Nataraja Pillai : Is it only the report that is pending?

Sri. K. M. Korah: Yes. There are some differences so far as the India Government are concerned.

Sri. P. S. Nataraja Pillai : I am at the Special Officer, Is the work of the Special Officer over?

Sri. K. M. Korah: Yes.

Sri. P. S. Nataraja Pillai: After all, we have only to get the report from the Special Officer about the accounts in Travancore. Am I right?

Sri. K. M. Korah : Yes.

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Sri. P. S. Nataraja Pillai: As the matter is under settlement with the Government of India, may I ask whether we are debtors or creditors as far as our accounts are concerned?

Sri: K. M. Korah: There are certain difficulties in that matter. Certain amounts have not been found to be credited there. I suppose they are bonafide mistakes.

Sri. P. S. Nataraja Pillai: I wanted to know whether there is no claim from the Government of India.

Sri. K. M. Korah: There is no claim from the Government of India.

Sri. P. S. Nataraja Pillai: Am I to understand that there is no claim or sustainable claim from the Government of India?

Sri. K. M. Korah: Certain amounts are due to them and certain amounts are due to us.

Sri. P. S. Nataraja Pillai: Will there be any liability to pay or to get?

Sri. K. M. Korah: A small amount.

Sri. A. K. Patchu Pillai: May I know the rate of allowance that is being paid to the Members of the Central Food Advisory Committee?

Sri. K. M. Korah: First class allowance.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 20,000 under Demand XXXII 63, Extraordinary charges (a) charges in India A. Food and other Control Measures—was put and carried.

The grant was made.

Demand XXXVII—Capital Account of Civil Works outside the Revenue Account—Rs. 10,00,000/

Minister for Education, and Revenue (Sri. L. M. Pylee): I move for a Supplementary Grant for Rs. 10,00,000 under Demand XXXVII—Capital Account of Civil works outside Revenue Account. This is a new scheme and there is no provision for this in the current year's budget. According to the scheme it is proposed to make speedy reclamation of the marshy area in Alleppey. The marshy area of about 60 acres adjoining the road from the Alleppey Palace to the Beach with a road frontage of about a furlong is proposed to be acquired and reclaimed. The Alleppey Municipality has represented that the area is contributing to the general ill-health of the town. Considering the difficulty in obtaining land for the housing scheme in Alleppey town, half the reclaimed area is proposed to be utilised for the scheme and the other half to be sold in public auction. It is estimated that the expenditure on account of the reclamation, etc. will be recouped by the sale of half the area.

ശ്രീ. എ. കെ. പാച്ചുപിള്ള: ഇതിൽ പകുതി സ്ഥലം പൊസ്സഷനായി ലേലത്തിൽ വിൽക്കുന്നതിനു തീരുമാനിച്ചിരിക്കുകയാണെന്നും ആ പകുതി സ്ഥലം വിറ്റതിനു ശേഷം അതിൽ നിന്നുള്ള വരവു എത്രയാണെന്നും ആ വരവിൽ എത്ര സംഖ്യ പോരാതെവരുമെന്നും ഉള്ളതു് അറിഞ്ഞതിനു ശേഷം ആവശ്യമുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ മാത്രം പോരേ ഈ സപ്ലിമെന്ററി ഗ്രാന്റിനു അഭ്യർത്ഥിക്കുന്നതു്?

ശ്രീ. എൽ. എം. പൈലി: ആദ്യംതന്നെ ഈ സ്ഥലം അക്വയർ ചെയ്യണം. ഇതു് വേറെ ഒരു കക്ഷിയുടെ സ്ഥലമാണു്. ആസ്ഥലം അക്വയർ ചെയ്തു വലിയൊരുസംഖ്യ ചെലവുചെയ്തു് നന്നാക്കിയെടുത്തതിനുശേഷം വേണം അതു വില്പന നടത്തുവാൻ. അങ്ങിനെ നന്നാക്കി വിറ്റാൽ സെന്ററിനു ഏകദേശം 5 0 0 0 രൂപാ കിട്ടുമെന്നാണു് അറിവു്.

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